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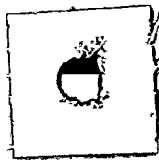
June 2, 1928.

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Federal Building,
El Paso, Texas.

Replying to your telegram first instant authorized employee
informant as requested.

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El Paso, Texas,
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January 9, 1929.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CRYSTAL.

The Bureau desires that you maintain a separate and distinct file for the purpose of placing therein the names of confidential informants who furnish the Bureau with information.

It will be noted that the method heretofore in effect in the File Room in connection with the filing of these names is abolished. The names of confidential informants must not be placed in the regular investigative files.

The identity of confidential informants must be maintained in the strictest confidence and no information in regard to them should be given to any employees with the exception of Bureau Supervisors without prior authorization by me.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

December 26, 1928.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With regard to the attached memorandum conveying the views of the Committee that confidential informant files by field offices be instituted for the purpose of receiving the names of confidential informants not transmitted in regular investigative reports, I beg to state that I have given same consideration and believe that the recommendation should be adopted.

At the present time we indicate to field offices that it would not be proper to transmit the names of confidential informants with the original reports but that same should be transmitted separately. We then place the names of these informants in the regular investigative files which can be and are sent to all parts of the building on occasions, thus making the names of these confidential informants more or less public property. For this reason I believe that the suggestion should be adopted and the names of these confidential informants kept in separate files and maintained in strict confidence.

Div. One

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Nathan:

put into effect. Approved. Please

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

December 21, 1928.

Div. One



MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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Under present instructions, the names of confidential informants are forwarded to the Bureau in a separate letter marked "Personal and Confidential". Some of the Bureau supervisors seem to have experienced some difficulty in determining whether or not such required action has been taken by the various field offices. In other words, an investigative report reaches the desk of the supervisor in question, and in the body thereof mention is made of information obtained from a "confidential informant". The supervisor, of course, desires to know whether or not the field office in question has complied with the regulations by forwarding the name and address of such confidential informant under separate cover. Under the existing filing system, it appears that such letters may have been filed in the investigative case file to which they relate.

We believe that this practice is wrong and we recommend that the Chief of the Files Division be instructed to start thirty separate confidential informant files, one for each office. We believe that all letters from a given field office containing the names of such confidential informants should be filed in the "Confidential Informant" file of that particular office.

Respectfully,
JAN 10 1929

J. M. KEITH,
Inspector.

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Mr. Nathan:

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GLEGG

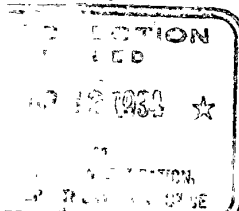
I issued instructions some weeks ago for a report to be requested from each of our field offices giving information as to the wires which have been tapped since January 1, 1933, with indication of the authority upon which such action has been taken. I wish that you would look into this at once to see whether this information has been obtained. I would like to have such information prepared in detailed form and placed in a special file in the Division, and as future authorizations are granted, they should also be placed in the same files so that we may at any time in the future locate in one place all such authorizations and actions by the Division.

I think the same arrangements for the availability of information concerning confidential informants should be likewise followed. From time to time the Division has occasion to employ confidential informants, and I think in each case there should be a detailed memorandum upon the matter, setting forth not only the case in which the informant has been employed, but detailed information concerning the informant, with dates of employment and the amount paid. This information should likewise be assembled in one place so that ready reference can be made to it at any time in the future.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DIRECTOR

REFERRING MY CONFIDENTIAK LETTER MATCH SEVENTH INFORMING THAT

[REDACTED] WAS BEING EMPLOYED AS CONFIDENTIAK

INFORMANT AT FIVE DOLLARS PER DAY RE DILLINGER MATTER HE WAS
EMPLOYED FROM TUESDAY MARCH SIXTH THROUGH SATURDAY MARCH TENTH TOTAL
FIVE DAYS AT FIVE DOLLARS PER DAY NO RESULTS OBTAINED BY THIS INFORMANT
AND THERE APPEARS LITTLE POSSIBILITY THAT HE COULD MAKE SATISFACTORY
CONTACT INTO THIS GANG WILL THEREFORE TERMINATE HIS SERVICES WITH
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UNDERSTANDING THAT IF HE IS ABLE SECURE ANY INFORMATION SOME
ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE WITH HIM

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1900 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois
March 12, 1934

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MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
CHIEF CLERK
MR. RORER

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Confirming my teletype message to you today, at which time I advised that [redacted] who had been employed as a confidential informant, had not produced any results, please be advised that I talked with this informant again today, and he has been unable to make a contact into the Dillinger gang. It is my judgment that he will not be able to make such a contact, and that any money advanced to him, would be wasted. I will therefore terminate his services immediately, unless otherwise instructed.

He was employed from March 6 to March 10, making a total of five days, at \$5.00 per day. I have the understanding with this informant, however, that in the event he is able to secure any information which would assist this office in bringing about the apprehension of Dillinger, that I will make some financial arrangement with him at that time.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Furvis

M. H. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 5, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Reference is made to letter from this office dated March 3rd regarding [redacted] with aliases, confidential informant in this case. Please be advised that he was interviewed on March 5th by Special Agents O. G. Hall and R. C. Coulter at which time he stated that because of the fact that County Grand Juries are in session both in Minneapolis and in St. Paul, Minnesota, investigating alleged gambling, graft, and other corruption of police department charges, the gangsters in both cities are very seldom seen. He advised that "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt informed him on March 2nd that he had received a subpoena but thought that he would be able to square it but that if he was not able to do so, he would leave town for a few days. Shortly afterwards, in conversation with "Big Bill", an ex-safe blower and bank robber, the informant was informed by Bill that "Frisco Dutch" might have gone to the "Springs", meaning Hot Springs, Arkansas, and if he did, he would have a chance to get rid of "that money". The informant was asked whether Bill was referring to the Bremer ransom money and he stated he did not know but got the impression that that was the money mentioned. In that connection, a letter has been dispatched today to the Oklahoma City office requesting that banks and others furnished with list of the ransom money at Hot Springs, Arkansas, be immediately contacted and requested to redouble their vigilance.

In connection with the informant's statement that the Grand Juries have made it difficult for the gangsters to operate, please be advised that this is evidently true as Bennie Harris, "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt and probably others have failed to respond to the subpoenas and evidently intend to stay away until the Grand Juries adjourn.

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The informant also advised that on Friday night, March 2nd, Jack Pfeiffer came into the gangsters' "joint" at 311 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, with the brother-in-law of Healy or Haly, executioner for the Capone mob; and that the various hoodlums in the place commented on Jack Pfeiffer's having this killer with him. Pfeiffer stayed but a few minutes and left with this person.

The informant was given \$8 to help defray expenses by Special Agent C. C. Hall; and he is to contact this office on the morning of March 7th. It is believed that in view of local conditions, it would be advisable to continue contact with this informant as he has not had a good opportunity to produce results.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 8, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Personal and Confidential

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases
(Deceased) Et Al., Conspiracy
to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Refer to my letter dated March 8, 1934 in respect to
an informant who might possibly be in position to be of assistance
in furnishing information as to the whereabouts of "Pretty Boy"
Floyd.

The informant referred to therein is [redacted]

[redacted] He is
a native of Seminole County, Oklahoma. He is a cousin of the
present [redacted] of Seminole County. He is well known in the
community as a bootlegger and "moonshiner" but, so far as is
known, has not been engaged in other criminal activities.

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Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Gridley called and requested additional information in the Louis Hager extortion case. I advised him that during the course of the investigation it was disclosed that Manuel C. Lopez, a former employee of Mr. Hager, had absconded with the funds of a certain company, that this directed the Division's attention to this particular individual and that specimens of his handwriting were obtained and compared with that in the extortion letters and found to be similar. With this information at hand an investigation was commenced looking towards the location of Lopez, as a result of which a confidential informant in St. Louis who was familiar with Filipinos advised that Lopez, wherever he was, would likely be connected with some Filipino Club and that it was entirely possible he could be located through such club in New Orleans. Accordingly, investigation was conducted in New Orleans which resulted in his apprehension.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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. C. Sox #756,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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March 16, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Frank Arner, C 1 336 773
War Risk Insurance

Dear Sir:

The confidential informant referred to in the report of
Special Agent T. J. Donegan, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated March 16, 1934,
in connection with the above entitled matter, is Mr. C. F. Paris,
Postmaster, Hillsboro, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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<i>[Signature]</i>

Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,
New York City, New York

March 17, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of February 12, 1934, addressed to the St. Paul Division Office, copies of which were forwarded to the New York and Chicago Division Offices relating to the visit to the Division of an individual giving the names of [redacted] at which time he imparted certain information particularly relating to the BREMER Kidnaping Case. b7D

This same individual called at the New York Division Office last night and was interviewed by me. He stated that the prisoner whom he desires to help is one Leon Kramer, who was convicted in New York County about June of 1926 on a charge of Robbery in the first degree and sentenced by Judge Koenig, Court of General Sessions, to serve a term of Forty Years' imprisonment. Kramer was imprisoned at Sing Sing for a short time and then was transferred to the Great Meadows Prison from which he escaped. Approximately eight months later, or about September, 1933, he was apprehended and transferred to the Dannemora Penitentiary, where he has been in solitary confinement since his return.

The individual calling at the office used the name of [redacted] and related that a woman relative of Kramer's has been up to see him several times, and within the past week has received communications from Kramer indicating that he desires to talk with a Federal officer. This woman exercises a great influence over Kramer and it is desired that she accompany the Federal Officer who interviews him. [redacted] stated that he desires the utmost discretion used in making this contact as he is afraid a number of innocent individuals might subsequently suffer physical injury if it becomes known that Kramer divulged information. He stated that no doubt a pass would have to be obtained from Dr. Thayer, Commissioner of New York State Department of Correction, at Albany, New York and that it might be well to have the agent interviewing Kramer do so under the guise of an attorney. b7D

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Washington, D.C.

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[] related that Warden Thomas Murphy of Dannemora is entirely reliable but that he employs as his secretary, his brother, who is an attorney and is not the same type of man as the Warden; that the Warden's brother is more inclined to act the part of a politician and [] is fearful that if this person should learn that Kramer is being interviewed by a Federal officer, he might relay the information to outside sources. b7D

[] was unable to indicate the specific information which Kramer desired to divulge but stated that it related to Federal violations. b7D

I made arrangements with [] whereby, when it is necessary to communicate with him, I shall dispatch a telegram addressed to [] and simply say, "Give me a call", signing it, "Frank", upon the receipt of which, [] will call me at the New York Office. [] advised me that this is not his correct name. b7D

During the conversation with [] he stated that he desired that Mr. Harold Nathan interview Kramer. I informed [] that this might be impossible, due to the pressure of other business and that in the event of this, it would be desirable to have another representative of the Division meet Mr. Kramer. [] indicated that this would be perfectly satisfactory although he stressed the fact that the interview should be handled very discreetly. I, of course, gave him every possible assurance that we would not violate any confidences placed in us or jeopardize any innocent individuals who, he indicated earlier in the conversation, might be harmed in the event it became known that Kramer had disclosed information. b7D

For the general information of the Division, I am attaching hereto a photograph of Kramer as well as his fingerprints. Following is the criminal record of LEON MILLER alias Leon List alias Hersh Borg alias Herman Kallekozatan alias Leon Liss alias Leon Kraemer, as obtained by this office from the New York Police Department - their number, B-42958:

2/16/19	as Leon Miller, Detroit, Mich. (No crime or Disposition given)
10/28/15	as Leon List, Baltimore, Md. Burglars Tools, on 12/6/16, 10 Years Maryland Penitentiary, Judge Roper, Off. Andrews & Donlin, Det. Bur.
9/15/11	as Hersh Borg, Berlin, Germany, Begging 20 Days Prison.

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Director,
Washington, D.C.

8/8/13 as Herman Kallekozstan, Brussels, Belgium, Larceny
1 Year 6 Months Prison and fined.
10/11/15 as Leon Liss, Deported from London England to Petrograd
via, New Castle Alien restriction Act.
Information from New Scotland Yard England
3/19/26 Leon Kraemer, N.Y.C. Robbery on 6/11/26, 40 Years
States Prison, Judge Koenig, General Sessions Ct.
Det. Cronin, M.O.D.
8/23/32 Escaped from State Prison at Comstock, N.Y.
Not Wanted

Wanted by Det. McGuire Case No 279 Safe and Loft Squad.

6/8/33 Shot and injured in apartment 305-East 88th Street
Apt. #6-A.

No further action will be taken by this office, pending the receipt
of additional information from the Division.

Very truly yours,

F.X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge

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Encl s.

P. O. Box 1275
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 8, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Recently Agents F. S. Smith and E. D. Deaderick of this office informed me that Mr. Al Marlow, the Undersheriff at Chickasha, Oklahoma, knows an informant who might be of considerable value in furnishing information that would result in the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

One night last week, I went with Special Agent Smith of this office to Chickasha, Oklahoma, and had an interview with Mr. Marlow. Mr. Marlow told me that it has been more than a year since he contacted his informant, who is a resident of Bernice County, Oklahoma; that this informant is a "phone wire" and a "bootlegger" and that George Birdwell, deceased, former partner of Charles Floyd, was a friend of this informant, and of his own knowledge, Birdwell and Floyd formerly frequented the informant's place, as he, Marlow, on one occasion before he became Undersheriff at Chickasha saw them there.

Mr. Marlow told me that this informant more than a year ago told him that he would and would, for a consideration, "put the finger" on Floyd, and would make arrangements for his apprehension, but that he could not do so for his health and that he would require \$1,000 for the services he would render, and that not one penny would have to be paid until Floyd had been apprehended. Marlow told me that he took it up with the officials of the State Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and that he made arrangements to take some of these officials to the informant's house and did so there with two of them, one of whom is now dead, and that the one who is deceased was the man in authority, and that he got decidedly drunk before he got to the informant's house, and the informant would not even discuss the matter with him, and since that time, as Marlow had not discussed it with his informant.

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Marlow told me that he is not in position at this time to know what his informant can or will do in respect to this matter. The informant resides more than 150 miles from Chickasha, Oklahoma. At my request, Marlow promised he would contact the informant at an early date.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, Mr. Marlow passed through Oklahoma City and told me that he was proceeding that day to contact his informant in Seminole County, and would let me know immediately when he returned to Oklahoma City what he found out.

On Sunday morning, March 4, 1934, Mr. Marlow informed me that he had learned in Seminole County that his informant recently had been sentenced in the Eastern District of Oklahoma to serve two years in the Southwestern Reformatory at El Reno, Oklahoma for violation of the National Prohibition Act.

Agent Smith and I took Marlow with us to the Southwestern Reformatory, and there interviewed his informant who is a man approximately 45 years of age.

This informant told us frankly that he knows Charles Floyd, that George Birdwell, now deceased, former partner of Floyd, was related to him, and that formerly Birdwell and Floyd made frequent trips to his house; that while he had not harbored them, so to speak, he had entered no objections to their coming to his home for the reason that he was afraid to, but now that Birdwell is gone, he has no interest in Floyd, but that the latter has not been to his house since about the time he kidnaped the Sheriff in Missouri last summer which was June 16, 1933; that he does not, at this time, know the whereabouts of Floyd, but he believes possibly that he could ascertain that information within a reasonable time. He made no definite promises that he could learn the whereabouts of Floyd, but said that he believed he could, and that it was not his desire to tell us that he could do something that he would be unable to do. He stated that he has made and sold liquor for a number of years, and that this has been the extent of his criminal activities, and that this is generally known by the enforcement agencies in his community. This, too, is born out by Marlow.

This informant is different than the average "jailbird" who is desirous of furnishing the office with information in that not one time did he beseech us to use our influence to get him out of jail, and he was not expressive of a whole lot of bitterness, but did say that he thought his sentence was not commensurate with the offense he had committed for the reason that he was found in possession of only one gallon of whiskey.

The informant told us that he realized that this was a dangerous undertaking, and while he could not promise any definite results, he would be willing to try to ascertain the information with respect to Floyd. He stated

that it would, of course, be necessary for him to be released from jail, and that he believes that within 60 to 90 days, probably less time, he would be able to know whether he could furnish any valuable information concerning Floyd. He stated that he is not asking for a parole or commutation of sentence, but that should any arrangement be made whereby his release for a temporary period could be effected, and he should be instrumental in furnishing the Division with information concerning Floyd, he would be glad for the Government to give consideration to the commutation of his sentence. He stated that should he be instrumental in "putting the finger" on Floyd, that he would ask that the Government pay him \$600.00, but that not one cent would have to be paid until after Floyd's apprehension. He stated that under no circumstances would he want his name mentioned, or would he ever want it to be known that he had any participation in such a matter or that he had even discussed it with officers.

Maplen, the Undersheriff at Chickasaw, is a man 62 years old. He was for many years a Special Agent of the Rock Island Railroad, and has been a peace officer practically all of his life. He has the utmost confidence in this informant and stated that if the State officer, as heretofore mentioned, had not become intoxicated at the time he took him to the informant's house, Floyd's apprehension would have been effected long since.

I realize and so will the officials of the Division when they have read this letter that the informant is now in jail and that perhaps they will feel that this is just another "jailbird" trying to talk himself out of a jail sentence. I have talked to many prisoners in jail who have told me what they could do for law enforcement agencies if they were only on the outside, and I realize that in most cases, such stories can be discounted. This informant did not so impress me. Not one time during our conversation did he make a positive statement or declaration that he could accomplish results in this undertaking, but stated that he could ascertain in a little while whether his efforts would be productive of results. Frankly, I was impressed with his statements and with his candor and the lack of any assurance on his part of what he could do.

I made no promises to the informant, and I am making no recommendations at this time to the Division, but am submitting this information for your consideration and for such action as you feel it warrants. Under separate cover, I am furnishing you the name and a bit of identifying data with respect to this informant.

Very truly yours,

DAVID HARTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 16, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

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During telephonic conversation today, Mr. Rorer advised that the chief activity in the Bremer kidnaping case is in the Chicago district; that he has released it at Fortenberry; and that all the other Agents are busily engaged on the case at the present time.

Mr. Rorer stated he had directed a letter to the Division suggesting that no one stay on duty at the St. Paul Office after 12 o'clock midnight. He stated that so far they have received no calls at night and he didn't believe it necessary to continue this service. I instructed him to use his own judgment in this matter.

I inquired of Mr. Rorer concerning the confidential informant. He advised that they are paying the informant only about \$10 a week, and so far, he has given more information than they expected. Mr. Rorer also advised that Chief Dahill called at the office and left the photograph of Detective Brown. Chief Dahill had sent a police officers to investigate the address previously referred to, though they weren't informed as to the reason therefor. He agreed that even though an identification is effected by showing the photograph to the informant, the information will not be given out, to Chief Dahill or any one else.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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March 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Mr. Fay telephoned from New York. The individual by the name of [redacted] alias [redacted] who has called at the Division on two previous occasions, was in to see him last night at about eleven o'clock. He first had a woman call and ask Mr. Fay if he knew anyone by the name of [redacted] and Mr. Fay informed her that if she knew anyone by such name to have him communicate with Mr. Fay at once. [redacted] did and came in at the time indicated. [redacted] advised Mr. Fay that the prisoner in whom he was interested was Leon Kramer, who is now serving a sentence in the Dannemora, New York, Prison under the name of Miller; that Kramer was convicted in June, 1926, on a charge of first degree robbery and sentenced to serve 40 years in the penitentiary. He escaped last year and was apprehended in September, 1933, and returned in solitary confinement where he is now confined at the Dannemora institution. [redacted] indicated that during the past week Kramer had indicated that he would talk and he specifically requested that Mr. Harold Nathan, of this Division, be the individual to talk with him. Mr. Fay stated that he explained that Mr. Nathan was tied up in another section of the country on an important matter and they then agreed to talk with anyone that was sent from this Division. However, it was requested that the party calling use the utmost discretion and call in the guise of an attorney. Although they feel that Warden Murphy is trustworthy, the Warden has a brother serving as his secretary, and the brother is also an attorney and a New York politician and they do not trust him - thus the need for discretion. Mr. Fay made arrangements to obtain from the New York City Police Department, without disclosing the purpose, the photograph, fingerprints and criminal record of Leon Kramer, but Fay believes that he is a member of the "Candy Kid" Whittemore gang, Whittemore having been sentenced to a death penalty at Baltimore for murder a few years ago. Kramer has never been known to talk before and it is believed that he could furnish information concerning crime conditions generally that would be very enlightening.

Arrangements were made whereby Mr. Fay could communicate with the informant by addressing him under the fictitious name of [redacted] and forwarding a telegram to [redacted]. Mr. Fay stated that if the Division would prepare a list of the queries desired to be made of Kramer arrangements would be made to interview him at an early date. I have requested Mr. Newby to prepare a letter to the New York office setting forth the inquiries which he desires made of Kramer, in addition to any information which Kramer might agree to volunteer.

Respectfully,

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

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March 14, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

With further reference to [redacted] paid informant of this office, please be advised that he was interviewed on March 14, 1934, by Special Agent C. G. Hall, at which time he stated that "Prisco Dutch" Steinhardt is associating with two men from Buffalo, New York. These are the two men who appeared with "Prisco Dutch" two nights ago at 311 Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis with a Lincoln Sedan bearing new and clean license plates, the car being very muddy.

He stated that "Prisco Dutch" returned from Milwaukee two days ago and remarked that he had placed a \$500 bet on a race horse at seven to two odd, the horse running at Agua Caliente, Mexico. The horse won. "Prisco Dutch", according to the informant, appears to have plenty of money. The informant suggested that the race tracks would be an excellent place to dispose of the ransom money as a bill could be cashed at every pari mutuel machine. This office is considering this and will take whatever steps seem feasible to cause the necessary investigation in cities in which race tracks are located.

Concerning the Kansas City massacre, the informant stated that he had talked to Frankie Barton and that Barton had in general conversation mentioned that one Sam Kemp, who is in the drug business in Kansas City, would probably know a great deal about the Kansas City shooting as Kemp, according to Barton, has many underworld friends and often helps underworld characters and might possibly be associated with them in disposing of stolen property. The informant stated he did not know how correct this information was, but this office is sending a copy of this letter to the Kansas City office for whatever check they desire to make regarding it.

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The informant stated that in Jack's Smoke Shop, 311 Hennepin Avenue, where this mob hangs out, there is one telephone and probably two. He stated that he is almost positive a telephone call was made to "Prisco Dutch" in Milwaukee over one of these telephones. This office is making an immediate check of the toll calls from telephones at 311 Hennepin Avenue.

James Blumenthal

Yesterday, Tom Banks, Barney Berman, "Kid Can", and other members of the Minneapolis part of the Twin Cities underworld, pleaded guilty in Federal Court to charges under the Internal Revenue Act, these charges being the outgrowth of their liquor business. Banks was fined \$2,000.00, Barney Berman was sentenced to a year and a day in the Leavenworth Penitentiary, and "Kid Can" was given a year in the Workhouse. The other defendants, minor members of the gang, received smaller sentences.

It was called to the attention of this office yesterday Harold Staasen, County Attorney, Dakota County, that the fingerprints and photograph of Tom Banks had not been secured. Mr. Staasen's interest in this was that a few days ago, Agent Hall, while investigating an angle of the Bremer kidnaping case, located a party in Minneapolis who witnessed four men take one Con Althen from his room at the Library Apartments in Minneapolis shortly before he was found dead in Dakota County, just beyond the boundary of Minneapolis. This information was given to Mr. Staasen with the suggestion that he display photographs of one Goldie, Tommy Russell, "Kid Can", and Tom Banks to this person. Mr. Staasen did display photographs and obtained a positive identification of "Kid Can" and Goldie as being two of the four persons taking Althen from his room. However, there is no photograph available of Tommy Russell and Tom Banks. Two days after securing this identification, Staasen received an anonymous letter setting forth that Tom Banks, "Kid Can", Goldie, and Tommy Russell had actually committed the murder in Minneapolis but had dumped the body in Mr. Staasen's county, which has been the established custom here for some time.

This office is also desirous of obtaining a photograph of Tom Banks and particularly want his fingerprints. Consequently, steps were taken immediately to have Banks brought in and photographed and fingerprinted, through the cooperation of the United States Attorney here. In the event these efforts do not produce results, this office intends to request the Division to take the necessary steps to have this done through the United States Marshal's office. The Division will be further advised regarding this.

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In this connection, the informant stated that the underworld thought it was a big joke that Tom Banks had not been given a penitentiary sentence as he was a ring leader of the conspiracy. He stated that the general talk is that "Kid Cam" and Barney Beran drew the jail and penitentiary sentences in order to save Tom Banks from going to jail.

The informant was given \$10 to help defray expenses. He will be interviewed again within a few days.

Very truly yours,

W. A. FOWLER,
Inspector.

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Cc Kansas City
Cc Chicago

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER
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CLEGG
EDWARDS
EGAN
BAUGHMAN
COWLEY
GLAVIN

LOWDON
LITTLE
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SMITH
STAPLETON
WARNES

It is desired that whenever authorization is granted for the employment of a confidential informant, there be made a detailed record of this employment showing not only the title of the case in which the informant has been employed, but detailed information concerning the informant with dates of employment, the amount authorized to be paid to him, as well as the amount paid. This information should then be assembled in one file so that it will be available for ready reference at any time in the future.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Agent in Charge Brantley called on the telephone and advised that he had received a letter from Miles Plemons, Post Office Box 33, Salina, Oklahoma, advising that he could put Pretty Boy Floyd on the spot; that the letter requested that Mr. Brantley personally come to see him as he could explain the proposition more clearly in a personal interview than he could in writing; that the Deputy Sheriff at Salina is the only other person that knows of his proposition; that last Spring Mrs. Floyd and a lawyer came to his home and offered him \$1,000.00 to make proper arrangements so that Floyd could give up and get a life sentence; that this same lawyer sent his representative to see him on the 12th. of this month; that they rode within one half mile of the barn Floyd was using as a hide-out; that he knows the location of the barn and the name of the owner thereof; that it will be a dangerous proposition as they (Floyd is alleged to have four or five others with him) have four machine guns.

Mr. Brantley stated that he would endeavor to see Miles Plemons either this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Mr. Sisk called from New York and stated that arrangements had been made with the Narcotics Bureau whereby five thousand dollars would be used in negotiating with [redacted] at Niagara Falls for the alleged purpose of exchanging it for the Lindbergh ransom money. Mr. Sisk stated that it would be handled in the following manner:

That Agent DiLillo, who is known to [redacted] as [redacted] and who would be registered at the Ford Hotel, would have the money; that DiLillo would insist that the [redacted] of the ransom money be made at the Hotel, explaining to [redacted] that he is not acquainted in the city and is not taking any chances; that it is not supposed that the five thousand dollars would be parted with, but that if [redacted] agrees to obtain the money for the purpose of exchanging it and in the case he has the money, he will then be taken into custody.

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Mr. Sisk stated that [redacted] at first advised the informant that he had the money himself, but that he now advises [redacted] that he does not have the money himself, but that it is in possession of others and that it would take him approximately twenty-four hours to obtain it.

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Agents DiLillo, Turren, Bush, O'Leary and Seery are going to Niagara Falls tomorrow, as are also Narcotic Agents Stefano and Mellon. Agent Mellon is going to tap the wires of [redacted] and Stefano is going to cover this tap, he being able to speak Italian.

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Mr. Sisk stated that DiLillo was of the opinion that [redacted] had one of three purposes in making such a proposal - first - that he expected to rob whoever appeared with the amount of money requested - second - that he expects to put Informant [redacted] on the "spot" because of the fact that Italians in Niagara Falls are suspicious of his being an informant in that he is responsible for several of them being convicted of narcotic charges and - third - that it is an endeavor to exchange counterfeit money.

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Mr. Sisk also advised that [redacted] contends that he has available more of the ransom money than is actually outstanding, even if there is no more outstanding than the Division knows of.

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In connection with the possibility that Condon wrote the letters to the Chicago Times and that he also wrote the original ransom notes, Mr. Sick stated that he had taken these letters to Mr. Osborne this morning; that Mr. Osborne advised it would probably take until Tuesday for him to arrive at a conclusion; that Osborne told him that so far as he knew, no comparisons had ever been made between the original ransom notes and Condon's handwriting. Mr. Osborne inquired of Mr. Sick whether Mr. Farrar of the Treasury Department made any handwriting comparisons for the Division and stated that Farrar was not a good handwriting expert. He stated also that Mr. Harteord, who made the handwriting comparisons of the notes referred to the Division by the New York World was an irresponsible individual.

Mr. Sick was requested to make a survey of the neighborhood in which Dr. Condon lives for the purpose of determining the possibility of having an Agent stationed in a room where he could keep Condon's movements under surveillance.

In connection with the five thousand dollars which has been provided by the Narcotic Bureau for the above purpose, Mr. Tolson discussed the possibility of the Division's obtaining this fund with the Disturbing Officer of the Department, who advised that the maximum amount which could be obtained was two thousand dollars and that it could only be obtained for the purpose of travel; that to obtain same it would be necessary to have a bond signed by two sureties or a bonding company.

Respectfully,

S. P. Conroy.

Room 1463
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

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March 22, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: Re: ~~MANNY STREWEL~~ with aliases - et al
John J. ~~McC~~Connell, Jr. (Victim)
Kidnaping.

Chief of Detectives Fred W. Frahm, Detroit, Michigan Police Department, has been in this city for several days for the purpose of locating Angelico Biaggio and Vincent Spallino, who are alleged to have participated in a kidnaping in Detroit several years ago. The investigation, in which this office is cooperating, is based on information furnished to Mr. Frahm and Special Agent in Charge William Larson at Detroit, by [redacted] whom you will recall as an informant in connection with the Manny Strewel matter.

Special Agent George J. Starr of this office has been working with Mr. Frahm and has come into close contact with [redacted] who is here with Mr. Frahm and Assistant District Attorney Homer Krise of Wayne County, Michigan. Agent Starr states that [redacted] is apparently obsessed with an exaggerated idea of his own importance, which is probably most noticeable when he has occasion to be present when there is a discussion of any legal or administrative matter which might present complications. For example, when a discussion was being had at the Hotel New Yorker among the persons mentioned, as to the question of removing a prisoner from the State Prison at Sing Sing, to Detroit for trial before the expiration of his sentence, considerable doubt was expressed by Mr. Krise as to whether this could be done. [redacted] immediately expressed the opinion that if he, [redacted] went to Governor Lehman this matter could be arranged without any difficulty whatsoever. More recently he inquired of Special Agent Starr whether the latter would care to make a trip to

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Detroit for a couple of weeks, stating that if the agent were at all interested he would immediately take the matter up with me, and have the necessary instructions issued.

He has spoken frequently of the desire to go to Washington to call on you, without expressing any particular purpose in so doing. Mr. Frahm told Agent Starr that [] has also spoken to him about his intention of going to Washington to see you. He states that [] has some \$500 coming to him, and he is confident that the first thing [] will do when he gets the \$500 will be to go to Washington to call upon you. Mr. Frahm stated that [] indicates an inclination to criticize various police departments or other agencies for any activity or lack of activity not meeting with his approval, and it is Mr. Frahm's opinion that it may be [] intention to lay before you his own opinions of the police departments which have met with his disapproval.

It should be noted, however, that [] has also indicated to Mr. Frahm that he has a great deal of information beyond that which he has already disclosed to Mr. Frahm and Special Agent in Charge Larson, and from [] comments Frahm has drawn the conclusion that it is possible that [] might tell you the complete details of all the information which he has, which, so far, he has failed to do for anyone else.

[] has related some very sensational things to Mr. Frahm and Mr. Amice, as will be set forth in part in an investigative report entitled VINCENT SPALLINO; AND LEO BACCIO, et al, Subjects; JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN, IRVING GOLDSTEIN, A. D. GORDON (Victims), Kidnaping, which is the matter being investigated at this time in an endeavor to aid Mr. Frahm in locating the two subjects named above, one of whom, Vincent Spallino, has been located through detectives of the New York City police department, and who is at this time a prisoner at Sing Sing Prison, serving a three to ten year term.

Inasmuch as [] is now a prisoner, it would of course not be impossible for him to make the trip to Washington. For this reason I am setting out the above information

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for whatever value it may have in determining whether or not
you should see Gross.

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Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 22, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases
(Deceased), et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

On March 19th I had occasion to talk telephonically to Mr. S. P. Cowley of the Division, at which time I informed him of a letter received at this office from one Miles Plemmons, Post Office Box 33, Salina, Oklahoma, in which he stated that he had information concerning the hideout of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and probably other outlaws.

The letter from Plemmons is quoted here.

"Salina Okla.
March 14 1934

"Mr Dwight Brantley.

Dear Sir:

"I have a proposition that I want to take up with you. I would like very much for you to drive up here to Salina Okla for I can talk and explain things more clearly than I can write, and if this proposition meets with your aproval and you decide to come inquire for Charlie Whiteday, deputy Sheriff here. as he is the only man that knows anything about this proposition and he advised me to write to you. Mr. Brantley I will tell you in my own way what I know about this proposition.

"Last spring Mrs Floyd and a Lawyer came to my home and offered me a thousand dollars to make proper arrangements so as her son Charles Floyd could give up and be given a life sentence and gave me name and address of parties in tulesa Okla. that they figured that they could get to Govoner Murry, that proposition

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proved to be a failure. so this same Lawyer sent his representative the 12 of this month and wanted me to talk with Floyd himself. so I decided to go with him and I rode with him within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the Hay barn that they are using as a hideout. there is Floyd and 4 other desperate criminals in this bunch.

"Now the way I have this figured out is this. for you to come to my county seat, Pryor Okla. and leave me put the 5 of them on the spot in the Hay barn thru the lawyers man and you make arrangements with my sheriff and United states deputy Marshal here and you be in charge of taking this bunch to a cleaning. as I know the location of the Barn and surrounding country and will be a dangerous affair as the lawyers man claim they have 4 machine guns and I also know the name of the man that owns the farm. the way I have this situation sized up the lawyer is grafting pretty boy Floyds mother out of a large sum of money and furthermore I will ask you not to make known our proposition to any of the sheriff force in Delaware County. and when I see you I can explain this to you. Now if you feel that this proposition is fair I will expect a letter from you soon telling me the best way this can be handled I am a man with plenty of former experience of this kind, letters of recommendation and so on.

Yours

Miles Plemons
Salina Okla. "

P.O. 33.

On Monday night I left the Oklahoma City office with Special Agent Deaderick and arrived the following morning at Salina, Oklahoma, where Plemons was contacted through Charles Whiteday, Deputy Sheriff at Salina.

Plemons is a man 54 years of age, appears to be sane, states that at one time he was Sheriff at Burns, Oregon, has in the past throughout the states of Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri assisted law enforcement agencies in obtaining information concerning crime, is at present unemployed, and has been residing in Salina for approximately four years; that his only source of income is a Spanish-American War pension in the amount of \$30.00 per month, and that he is interested solely in the matter referred to this office for any money that he can get out of it. He told me that he had discussed this matter with Sheriff W. J. Walker at Pryor, Oklahoma, the county-seat of Mayes County, in which is located Salina, and with Charles Whiteday, Deputy Sheriff at Salina.

Plemmons told me that two years ago a young man, whose name he does not know, but who is a stenographer and secretary to an attorney by the name of Cummings in Miami, Oklahoma, came to his home at Salina, accompanied by a woman, who was represented to him as being the mother of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that these people told him that it was their desire to negotiate through him with the Governor of Oklahoma for the surrender of Floyd in order that he might escape the electric chair and be given a life sentence in the penitentiary; that it was their request that he, Plemmons, make the arrangements for such surrender through the Sheriff at Tulsa, Oklahoma; that all "papers" necessary to the surrender be prepared and signed by the Governor, following which Floyd would surrender himself to the Sheriff at Tulsa and would be taken to the county, which was not named, in Oklahoma which would have jurisdiction of any crime that he had committed and that he be immediately sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary, and that the young man and this woman assured him that one thousand dollars would be placed in the Post Office at Salina for him, should the surrender be effected. Plemmons stated that he immediately wrote to the Sheriff at Tulsa, Oklahoma, but never received any response from him, but did receive a letter from F. N. Burns, of the F. N. Burns National Detective Agency, Tulsa, Oklahoma, which stated that Plemmons' letter to the Sheriff at Tulsa had been turned over to said agency and the tenor of the letter was that Burns would be glad to handle the matter of the surrender of Floyd and requested that Plemmons bring Floyd to the Burns Detective Agency in Tulsa, and that if any rewards were forthcoming, that, of course, Plemmons would be entitled to them. (The F. N. Burns National Detective Agency is not in any way connected with the W. J. Burns International Detective Agency.) The letter from the F. N. Burns Detective Agency referred to by Plemmons was exhibited to the writer and it is dated in May, 1932 and contains in substance the information set out in this paragraph.

Plemmons stated that a week after the first visit of the woman and the young man to his residence, they called again and he told them that the undertaking had been unsuccessful. He stated that he did not see or hear anything further from these people until March 12th of this year when the young man called to see him again and told him that he was going down into the mountain country to contact Floyd and that he wished Plemmons would accompany him, as it was still his desire to try to effect the surrender of Floyd with the state of Oklahoma; that the young man said his primary purpose was to have Floyd sign some papers on that day which would effect the placing of Floyd's son, Jackie Floyd, in an Indian school in western North Carolina, and that this was being handled through the Indian Service, Department of Interior in Washington, D.C., which, of course, required the signature of Floyd on the papers. Plemmons stated that he got into a car, he thinks a Chevrolet Coach, with this young man and they drove some sixty miles from Salina down into Westville, Oklahoma and from

Westville some four or five miles into the hill country and stopped on the road in front of a farmhouse; that the young man got out, went up to the farmhouse and that he, Plemmons, told the young man he did not wish to meet any outlaws and that he climbed a hill, sat down on a log and observed the young man go from the farmhouse to a large hay barn, from which he saw three men emerge; that he was so far away he could not identify any of them but one was a tall man, the second a small one, and the third a heavy-set man. He stated that he remained on the log until the young man completed his business, although he did not see any papers signed, nor did he know what took place between this young man and the three alleged outlaws, and that they then left and drove back to Salina. He stated they left Salina that morning about nine o'clock and returned at five in the afternoon.

Plemmons told me that he has never seen Floyd and that he does not know whether the woman who came with the young man is in fact the mother of Floyd.

Plemmons accompanied Agent Deaderick and me to Westville and thence to the byroad he said was traveled by him and the young man on March 12th. We drove many miles farther than Plemmons said he and the young man drove. This was during the daytime. He could not recognize any farmhouse as the one he said he and the young man went to on March 12th. We drove Plemmons for several hours over practically every road within many miles of the vicinity where he stated he and the young man drove on March 12th, but he was unable to recognize any place seen as the farmhouse alleged to have been visited by him and the young man.

After all of this driving Plemmons stated that he and the young man had a bottle on the day that they left the farmhouse, but had not drunk any before they arrived there and that he did not believe that they were drunk when they left. Plemmons stated that he just must be mistaken, that probably they went through some town other than Westville, but he could not think of the name of it.

Plemmons stated that the young man with him said that the name of the man who operated the farm on which the hay barn was located is named Long, first name unknown, and that this man Long is supposed to be an uncle of one Jack Long, a one-time notorious character in Oklahoma. Plemmons said, however, that he didn't see Long and doesn't know in fact that the young man is telling the truth and all of his statements are predicated upon what the young man told him.

Although Plemmons was unable to locate any farmhouse or place which he said he visited on March 12th, he insisted that he had seen just what he has reported and that he feels that possibly if Floyd were not at

the hay barn, that some outlaws were there. We afforded Plemmons every opportunity to point out the place he had in mind and offered him transportation to any point that he would suggest, but he said he had no further roads or places in mind. He stated, however, that he would make a further effort to locate this place and, if he finds it, he will notify this office. He stated that the young man whom he is alleged to have accompanied into that country told him that this was not the place at which the outlaws resided permanently, but was just a stopping place for them and that they traveled between Missouri and Texas and had several hideouts in that section of the country.

Mr. W. C. Colvin, Postmaster at Westville, Oklahoma, was discreetly interviewed, the reason for the inquiry not being disclosed to him, with reference to any Longs who might live near Westville and be served by that Post Office. Colvin stated that he had been residing there since before statehood and that he knew practically everybody in the community and that there is no Long who is receiving mail through that office. He stated that the only Long he knows of in the community is a George Long, who resides on a farm near Watts, Oklahoma, which is some nine miles north of Westville; that he has known Long for many years, who formerly was employed by the Kansas City-Southern Railway, and that he is a man who enjoys a good reputation and is supposed to be of good character. The location of the farm of George Long was furnished Plemmons and he stated emphatically that that could not be the place.

The spot alleged to have been visited by Plemmons on March 12th apparently is located in Adair County, Oklahoma near the Arkansas line and is country than which there is none rougher and better adapted for purposes of hideouts of gangsters and criminals.

Plemmons, who is apparently sane, has a decided detective complex. He states that he reads detective magazines practically all the time and reads everything that appears in any newspapers that he can get his hands on about crime and criminals.

Sheriff W. J. Walker at Pryor, Oklahoma, which is not far distant from Salina, stated that he has not known Plemmons very long and that when Plemmons first discussed this matter with him, he gained the impression that he was a little "off" mentally and that nothing has occurred to alter this opinion.

Charles Whiteday, an Indian, Deputy Sheriff at Salina, says that he has known Plemmons for some two years or more and that while he has never been intimately associated with him, he believes him to be sane and knows of

nothing to indicate that he is unreliable. He stated that he saw Plemmons get into an automobile on March 12th in the morning in Salina and saw him return that evening, but he does not know where he went or with whom he was traveling that day.

Plemmons related many stories during the time I was in his company about how Floyd travels. On one occasion he stated that Floyd places a mattress in the rear compartment of a coupe, gets in there and goes to sleep and has a woman drive him up and down the country. Such stories as these, of course, do not impress me with the soundness of Plemmons' mentality.

Plemmons stated that he would let me hear from him within a few days and that when I do hear that he would have the exact location of the alleged hideout.

At this time I am not undertaking an investigation concerning the identity of the young man from Miami who is alleged to have accompanied Plemmons on March 12th. However, should further word be not received from Plemmons within a reasonable time, this angle of the case will be given further consideration.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Kansas City (2)

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INFORMANT AND CONTAIN ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE
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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 22, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

With further reference to [redacted] paid informant of this office, he was interviewed on March 21, 1934, by Special Agent O. G. Hall, at which time he was given \$10 to help defray expenses.

Concerning "Dutch Louie", who it was believed might be the "Big Louie" mentioned previously in this file, [redacted] ascertained that "Dutch Louie" is not "Big Louie".

[redacted] advised that because "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt is out of town, he is unable to make the connections he otherwise could and is therefore handicapped in securing information. It is not known when "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt will return but it is believed he will return when the Grand Jury in St. Paul adjourns.

The informer learned that there are four men residing at the Ritz Hotel, one of whom recently beat a murder case in Detroit, Michigan. These men were sent here by someone, according to the informer. They are living in rooms 102 and 103 at the Ritz Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The informer will be interviewed again in a few days and the Division notified concerning the interview.

Very truly yours,

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W. A. ROBER
Inspector.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,

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Dear Sir:

It is desired that you advise the Division immediately concerning the employment of confidential informants by your office for the period since January 1, 1932.

The information submitted by you should include not only the identity of the case in which the informant was employed, but detailed information concerning the informant, the dates of employment and the amount paid him.

Please give this matter immediate attention so that full information will be available in the Division by April 5, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,
New York City

March 26, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
Kidnaping

In compliance with instructions contained in Division letter dated March 20, 1934, I contacted [redacted] on Saturday, March 24, 1934. He stated at that time that he wanted to have this woman friend of Leon Kramer communicate with this office Monday morning and make final arrangements for the visit to Dannemora. [redacted] insisted that this woman who, incidentally, he stated is a niece of Kramer's accompany the Division representative to Dannemora, as he related that without her, Kramer would not talk.

[redacted] telephoned me this morning and stated that a decision had been definitely reached that Kramer would talk to nobody but Assistant Director Harold Nathan. No amount of persuasion on my part could change his decision in view of which this office will await further instructions before proceeding further.

Very truly yours,

J. K. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge

EXF:WC

cc: Mr. J. A. Rorer,
St. Paul

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<i>[Signature]</i>

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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

March 15, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S.Department of Justice,
Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, etal.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St.Paul File No.7-30.

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Reference is made to letter from this office dated March 5, 1934, regarding [redacted] with aliases, confidential informant in this case. He was again interviewed by Special Agent O.G.Hall on March 8, 1934, at which time he advised that, due to the political turmoil in the Twin Cities, it is exceedingly difficult for the underworld to move about and, consequently, he is handicapped and if the Division feels he is not producing, he could appreciate the Division's attitude. He believes that he can secure results if given further opportunity. In that connection, he was given \$10.00 by Special Agent Hall to defray living expenses.

Concerning FRISCO DUTCH STEINHART, who had been missing for several days as the result of a subpoena issued for him to appear before the State Grand Jury at St.Paul, the informant advised that FRISCO DUTCH stayed at home during the time the law enforcement officers were supposed to be searching for him and that he saw FRISCO DUTCH on March 6, 7, and 8, 1934; that on the 6th and 7th he saw him at 311 Hennepin Avenue, a hoodlum hangout in Minneapolis, which was closed on the night of the 7th by the police, who raided after JOE LENMEYER, ex-chief of police, had tipped FRISCO DUTCH off to close the gambling. The gang now hangs out at 14th and Thomas, in Minneapolis, in a pool room where there is a book made.

The informant advises that he is friendly with one, BARTON, who is a member of the KARPIS-BARKER-DEVOLO gang. BARTON intimated to the informant that BARTON, BAILLY, MILLER, KEATING, and HOLDEN, robbed the bank at Willmar, Minnesota, about

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three years ago. He says that BARTON lives with a woman in the Vendome Hotel in Minneapolis and BARTON'S woman is very fond of Detective Magazines. A couple of days ago, the informant was reading an old detective story magazine containing a story regarding VERNIE MILLER and made some casual remark concerning him. BARTON, then, intimated to the informant that MILLER had been in the Kansas City Massacre and that there was a man named GUS, who is a member of this gang, also in that massacre.

Agent Hall instructed informant to get full details, if possible, regarding this case. The informant states that VERNIE MILLER was killed in Detroit by Italians who stole between \$12000 and \$15000 from MILLER and that there was a woman who had "fingered" MILLER in the killing.

The informant will be interviewed in a day or two and the Division promptly notified. It is believed that he should be given small sums of money from time to time as it is entirely possible he can produce results.

Very truly yours,

OOH:TC

CC Chicago

Kansas City

W.A. BORER, INSPECTOR.

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 20, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING/ St. Paul file 7-30.

With further reference to [redacted] paid informant of this office, this is to advise that he was interviewed on Sunday, March 18, 1934, by Special Agent O. G. Hall at which time he stated that he had received information that "Dutch Louie", a New York gangster, was residing at the Nicollet Hotel in Minneapolis and was here for the purpose of visiting Schaeffer and Young at the State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota. Schaeffer and Young were sentenced in St. Paul for a gang killing, reputed to have been done at the instance of "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt.

The informant stated he knows "Dutch Louie" and Saturday night he attempted to see him at the Nicollet Hotel but "Dutch Louie" was out and the attempted meeting did not materialize. He stated that it is his belief that "Dutch Louie" is furnishing money to Mose Barnett, convicted racketeer, whose case is before the Supreme Court of the State at the present time.

In that connection, for the Division's information, during the trial of Schaeffer and Young, a man giving the name of Louis Brooks lived in St. Paul and was here apparently for the purpose of "fixing" the witnesses in the murder case.

During the investigation of the Bremer case, information was received that one "Big Louie" and a tall, blonde man, considerably younger, resided about two blocks from the scene of the "snatch". This information could not be verified and it is with the thought in mind that "Dutch Louie" and "Big Louie" might be the same person that this office will conduct an inquiry to determine the identity of "Dutch Louie", inasmuch as information received from confidential informant No. 1 was to the effect that a tall, blonde fellow with "Big Louie" might be involved in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer.

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A photograph of Tom Brown, ex-Chief of Police of St. Paul, was exhibited to the informant and he stated he was not able to make an identification. He could not state that Tom Brown was or was not the person he saw with "Prisco Dutch" on February 23, 1934.

The informant was given \$9.00 by Special Agent O. G. Holl to defray his living expenses.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROSEN,
Inspector.

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March 16, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Fay called from New York last night and advised that Chief of Detectives Frahm from Detroit was in the city and is interested in [] and a kidnaping case they had out there in 1929 which they have not been able to clean up. They think that two of the kidnapers are located here or that they may have been in the neighborhood. This all happened before we had jurisdiction. One of the prosecuting attorneys from out there is also in the city and they are ready to make a couple of arrests if they can locate the men. b7D

According to Chief of Detectives Frahm, on or about October 17, 1929, an Ann Arbor student by the name of Irving Goldstein and his brother, Joseph Goldstein, together with their uncle, a man living in Detroit, by the name of Dorman, were kidnaped as they were coming from a synagogue on Calvert Avenue in Detroit. They were grabbed by three men in a car and taken to a suburb of Detroit - Ferndale - and it seems as though they left the uncle out there in this suburb and told him they would get in touch with him later. They took the two boys and the boys were held for a week in the suburb of Ferndale and then they were transferred from that place to Oakland County, Michigan, about 25 or 30 miles from Detroit where they were held for five weeks in an attic of a private house.

It was through the negotiations of [] that the release of these two boys was effected in 1929. Through [] negotiations with Dorman, \$18,000 was paid in all. \$15,000 was supposed to go to the kidnapers and \$3,000 to the police. Dorman's attorney, a man by the name of Kennedy, there in Detroit, shortly after the kidnaping went to the police there and reported the entire case to Inspector Joe Garvin. It seems as though Garvin turned it over to another Inspector - Bert McPherson - and they suspected [] McPherson and two other detectives went out and grabbed [] while these two boys were being held, to see if they could get anything out of him and it seems as though they beat [] up pretty badly. However, they did not arrest him and as a result of the beating [] went to the hospital for about five weeks. While he was in the hospital, the kidnapers called on him and expressed their confidence in [] due to the fact that he hadn't talked and said that he was to go through with the negotiations. It was in this hospital that [] completed the negotiations for the ransom and \$18,000 was paid in his room. b7D

According to Frahm and [] two of these kidnapers are here in New York now. The name of the first one is ANGELO BIADDIO, Detroit Police #39211, and the other one is PHILLIP STALLINO, Detroit Police #35308. 24

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There are others involved; NICOLO DELLA BONTA, alias BITINO CALANIO, alias DIAMOND JOE, Detroit Police #37561, JIM SPELINO, no police number, and SAM RICKER, who is now dead. The first two are supposed to be in New York City. Frahm says that inasmuch as his information came through our Division, he would like to have our cooperation. [] is our informer and when he went back to Detroit in October from here, he contacted Larson and put this stuff up to Larson. Then Larson got in touch with Chief Frahm and had [] repeat his story to him. It is on this information that Frahm is basing his investigation. The prosecutor out there is very much interested in this case because it involved possibly a pay-off inside the police department. They first negotiated for \$15,000 and then raised the ante \$3,000 because the kidnapers told them they had to pay off somebody in the police department.

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Frahm told Mr. Fay that he came down from Albany along with [] that Assistant District Attorney Krice from Detroit came in on the evening of March 14th; that they are going to try to get a location on these two fellows and after they get a location on them, they are going back to swear out the warrants. Frahm also told Fay that the victims had identified these two from their pictures and, along with [] testimony, they had to put them away. This Biaddio is supposed to be a real killer and [] has stated that he knew several men that this fellow killed in Detroit.

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Mr. Fay stated that Frahm was coming in tomorrow to talk it over and he would like to know what to tell him. Mr. Fay was advised that, unless he heard to the contrary, he should extend the cooperation of the New York City office to Chief Frahm.

I talked to Mr. Larson about this matter. He stated that after [] returned to Detroit from New York, in connection with the O'Connell case, he told him he would like to contact someone in the Detroit Police Department and stated he had some good information for them in connection with the killing of a police officer some time ago and also some other matters; that as a result of this, he referred [] to Chief of Detectives Frahm.

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Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

March 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Steve G. Beckham, office of the General Counsel, Internal Revenue, telephoned. He claims that he is a former Special Agent of this Division. He reported, some months ago, to Mr. Keith information which he had received concerning a group of prostitutes who are at 1316 New Hampshire Avenue, Washington, D. C. He claims that the information which he reported was furnished to him by a confidential informant, [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. Keith, he stated, had an investigation conducted but failed to establish any interstate feature. [redacted] has now informed Mr. Beckham that a man and woman with two automobiles bearing Florida license tags are calling at the house and he feels sure that an interstate feature is involved; that the man in question does not live at the above address, but lives next door to a delicatessen at 21st. & P Streets. He further advised that the front page of this morning's Herald disclosed that an unidentified girl who had been thrown from an automobile had been found at Charlottesville, Virginia. He indicated the possibility that there might be a tie-up and suggested that if a description of the girl could be obtained she might be identified as one of the girls who has been at the above address on New Hampshire Avenue.

Mr. Beckham particularly cautioned that [redacted] be treated as a confidential informant. He stated that the listed telephone number for [redacted] represented a telephone which went through the switchboard of the building but that [redacted] has a private unlisted telephone over which he could talk if the Agents desire him to call them at any time.

I immediately telephoned Assistant Special Agent in Charge Pennington of the Washington Field Office and called this matter to his attention.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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March 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Agent in charge Purvis telephoned to request authority to employ [] as a confidential informant. He stated that [] called upon him last Fall while Dillinger was a fugitive, and asked Mr. Purvis to pay his expenses to Indianapolis for the purpose of getting some information. However, they did not employ him at that time. Mr. Purvis stated he had now received information that the way to ascertain Dillinger's whereabouts is through William Davis in Chicago, and that [] could get in touch with Davis. Mr. Purvis wrote [] a note, asking him to call at his office, and he called today. He voluntarily gave Mr. Purvis the address of Davis, which is correct, and also told him that Davis is the man who rented apartments for Dillinger. [] is a former racketeer, now out of work. It will be necessary to pay him \$10.00 a day for his services. I authorized Mr. Purvis to employ him. He, Mr. Purvis, stated that if they pay his expenses to Lima, Ohio and to Waupun, Wisconsin, it may be possible to gain some information of value.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Reference is made to previous letters from this office regarding [redacted] paid informant in this case. On March 11, 1934, he was interviewed by Special Agent O. G. Hall, at which time he advised that Mose Barnett, "Prisco Dutch" Steinhardt, Bennie Harris, Jack Doyle, and one other suddenly left the Twin Cities and went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, according to information he had received. In that connection he telephoned Agent Hall on March 12th and stated that Jack Doyle and Bennie Harris had returned to Minneapolis but that the others were still out of town.

He advised that on the night of March 9th, Frankie Barton, a member of the DeVol-Barker gang, had asked him to carry two revolvers to the Elgin Hotel in Minneapolis. The informant took the revolvers to a room on the fourth floor of the Elgin Hotel where they were left in a room occupied by a man named Stanley. He advised he entered the Elgin Hotel from the rear of the building, walking through a restaurant, taking the elevator to the fourth floor. Frankie Barton was with him but the informant carried the pistols. Both were .45 Colt automatics. He stated that in this room at the Elgin Hotel there were two shot guns, a rifle, and ammunition.

In that connection, please be advised that this office has been informed that the Twin Cities underworld is active in the Elgin Hotel as a headquarters.

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He described Stanley as being five feet six inches, blonde, with thin hair, slender, sickly looking.

"Big Bill" informed him that "Big Bill" and Vic Allen of St. Paul have been promised the Keno game in St. Paul if the election goes right. The informant did not know how the underworld wants the election to go. "Big Bill" has been previously mentioned as the fugitive bank robber wanted in Iowa, whose extradition to that State was denied by Governor Olson.

Because of the unsettled political conditions in the Twin Cities, the informant has been handicapped in securing information. It is believed that he should be given at least another week before dismissing him. He was given \$10.00 by Special Agent C. G. Hall.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Reference is made to previous letters from this office regarding [redacted], paid informant, particularly to the information given by him to the effect that a police officer was in company with "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt on February 28, 1934, at which time the police officer, whom the informant described, gave certain information to "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt regarding the number of Federal officers in this district.

Thomas Dahill, Chief of Police, St. Paul, at the Division office on March 16, 1934, advised that he had been in Washington and had been furnished the information that a police officer of a certain description had been seen in company with "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt. Thomas Dahill stated that from the description given him, he was convinced that it was Tom Brown, former Chief of Police and present member of the kidnap squad. Thomas Dahill furnished a photograph of Tom Brown and requested that the photograph be displayed in order to determine whether it can be identified as a likeness of the officer in company with "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt on the date in question.

Unless otherwise instructed by the Division, after the photograph has been shown to the informant and he can not identify same, Mr. Dahill will be informed that this office has been unable to make a contact with the informant; and he will be likewise told in the event the photograph is identified. It occurs to me that the usefulness of our informant might be jeopardized in the event Mr. Dahill is given any further information regarding this matter. It also appears that in the event Mr. Dahill desires to use this information as a basis for dismissing Mr. Brown, he would not be successful inasmuch as the informant's information regarding the conversation between the police

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officer and "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt is strictly hearsay. In any event, Mr. Dehill has been on the St. Paul Police Department long enough to reach a decision, without the assistance of this Division, as to whether or not Mr. Brown is a trustworthy officer.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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1900 BARKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 22, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with you this afternoon, please be advised that last year some time one [redacted] of Chicago, Illinois, called at my office and informed me that he believed that he could furnish me with valuable information as to the location of John Dillinger. This was previous to the time when he was apprehended and sent to the Crown Point jail. Subsequent to Dillinger's escape I have been endeavoring to contact with [redacted] and I succeeded today in doing so.

He called at my office this morning and I laid the proposition out before him and told him that I would like him to endeavor to secure information in a confidential manner, as to Dillinger's whereabouts. He stated that he was out of work at the present time, and would be perfectly willing to work for me in this capacity, and stated that in view of the expenses which would be incurred by reason of his work in this respect, such as taking girls out to dinner and also contacting with men whom he knew would know where Dillinger is, he stated that he believed it would require about ten dollars a day, in order that he might be able to pay expenses and also have some left over for his work.

He informed me that there is one person in Chicago who is a contact of John Dillinger, and that if anybody in Chicago knows where he is, it is William Davis, of 112 East Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois. He is there with one Fritz, last name unknown, who is one of the owners of this gambling house. He informed me that Davis used to rent apartments for Dillinger in Chicago.

It is interesting to note that information previously received from Shouse, who is now in the Michigan City, Indiana penitentiary, was to the effect that the person to contact for the purpose of determining

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Dillinger's whereabouts is William Davis in Chicago, and that [redacted] is the person to contact for the purpose of determining how to contact William Davis. He gave the address of [redacted] without giving his last name, as [redacted] This is the address of [redacted] and it will therefore be seen that the information appears to be pretty good.

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[redacted] informs me that he has been arrested and fingerprinted several times by the Chicago Police Department, and I would like to have his record. He informed me that he was arrested under his right name, and in view of the singularity of his name I believe it might be possible to have this checked in Washington in the fingerprint files, rather than having this matter checked in Chicago. The latter action might arouse curiosity and be of little help.

It is possible that after this informant has worked in Chicago for a few days it may be considered appropriate to send him to Lima, Ohio, after arranging with Mr. Larson for this informant to contact Bierpont, by using a ruse of some kind. It might also be considered necessary to send him to Laupun, Wisconsin, and in the event it is necessary to send him to either place I will arrange to pay his expenses, in confirmation of my conversation with you of this afternoon. Further confirming my telephonic conversation with you I will pay him ten dollars per day for a while, and will also furnish his expenses in connection with any travel outside of the city of Chicago.

I will keep you advised of this matter, and in the event he does not produce any results within a reasonable time, I will advise you and discontinue his services.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

MHP:JMS

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

JLG
60-23

March 28, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: LIQUOR COMBINATION
Antitrust

Dear Sir:

Referring to the report of Special Agent
John L. Geraghty, dated March 28, 1934, the name of
the confidential informant is [redacted]

The name of the engineer
who gave information concerning the cost of manufacturing
a gallon of whiskey is J. COOK, formerly chief engineer
of the National Distillers Products Corp., and later
connected with the United States Industrial Alcohol
Board.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

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March 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 5, 1934, concerning the payment of \$15 to a confidential informant, by Sheriff John Harrision of El Reno, Oklahoma, for information leading to the apprehension of Fred Ruyle.

You are advised that the Division authorizes the payment of this amount to Sheriff Harrision. It will be necessary for you to pay him personally, and claim reimbursement in your next expense account, submitting this as a confidential blue slip item.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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26-34263-25

March 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Reference is made to the attached letter from the Special Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City, dated March 5, 1934, concerning the request of Sheriff John Harrison of El Reno, Oklahoma that he be reimbursed the sum of \$15 which he had to pay a confidential informant to ascertain the whereabouts of Fred Ruyle, whose apprehension was desired by the Division in connection with the case entitled FRED RUYLE, with aliases, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, Division File #26-34263.

The report of Special Agent L. D. Nichols, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, November 2, 1933 reflects that subject Ruyle was arrested by the Sheriff at Belleville, Kansas on October 21, 1933 in possession of a Studebaker sedan, Motor #57256, stolen from the owner, C. G. Foust, Dublin, Texas, October 7, 1933. Ruyle admitted taking car and a complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at Kansas City, Kansas on October 26, 1933. However, before the Commissioner's warrant was served upon him, Ruyle escaped from the County Jail at Belleville, Kansas on October 27, 1933. Following his escape the Division conducted considerable investigation to locate him. Prior to this time, information had been received that subject Ruyle was involved in the theft of an automobile in the case entitled GEORGE W. KEARNS, with alias, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, which is carried under the same file number. (#26-34263)

The report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 22, 1933, reflects that the Chief of Police and other officers at El Reno, Oklahoma, were requested to maintain a watch at the home of subject Ruyle's mother, Mrs. Betty Ruyle, for the purpose of effecting his apprehension. The report of Special Agent J. J. Perkins, dated at Oklahoma City, December 6, 1933, reflects that the Chief of Police and other officers at El Reno, Oklahoma were again contacted with reference to locating Ruyle. The report of Special Agent J. J. Perkins, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma January 18, 1934, reflects that the Chief of Police at El Reno, Oklahoma was again contacted. The report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, dated at Oklahoma City February 5, 1934 also reflects that the Chief of Police at El Reno,

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Oklahoma was again contacted with a view to locating Ruyle.

The report of Special Agent G. H. Franklin, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, February 6, 1964, reflects that a telephone call was received at the Oklahoma City Division office from Oscar Morgan, Town Marshal of Blanchard, Oklahoma, advising that the Sheriff at El Reno, Oklahoma had apprehended subject Ruyle. Sheriff John Harrison, El Reno, Oklahoma, was contacted and he advised that he received information from a confidential informant that Ruyle was at the home of his mother, as a result of which he and his deputies succeeded in taking Ruyle into custody. A fugitive complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on January 31, 1964, and Ruyle was taken into Federal custody the same day.

While the file does not reflect that the Division ever requested Sheriff Harrison to take Ruyle into custody, it appears that the Chief of Police at El Reno, Oklahoma, as well as several other officers were requested on several occasions to effect his apprehension and Sheriff Harrison must have known that Ruyle was wanted by the Division, in view of the fact that the Sheriff had no charges against him, but turned him over to the Government.

As noted in the letter from the Special Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City, Sheriff Harrison now states that he had to pay a confidential informant, whose name he declines to furnish, the sum of \$15 for the information which led to the arrest of Ruyle, in view of which I recommend that the Division reimburse the Sheriff this amount.

The file reflects that a State warrant is outstanding at Springfield, Illinois, for Ruyle's arrest in connection with bank robberies at Gullen, Illinois. He also has a previous criminal record and it is probable that the Division would have expended considerably more than \$15 before effecting his apprehension had it not been for the cooperation of Sheriff Harrison.

Respectfully,

T. W. Stapleton

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 5, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: FRED RUYLE, with aliases,
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent G. H. Franklin of this office, dated February 6, 1934, which shows that this subject was apprehended at El Reno, Oklahoma on January 30, 1934.

It will be observed in paragraph two, page one of this report, that Sheriff John Harrison of El Reno, Oklahoma, advised that a confidential informant had furnished him information to the effect that Ruyle had returned to El Reno and that as a result he was apprehended by the Sheriff.

Agent Franklin informs me that Sheriff Harrison told him that it had been necessary for him to give his confidential informant, whose name and address he declined to furnish, the sum of \$15.00 to furnish him information to the effect that Ruyle had returned to El Reno, and that he feels the Division should reimburse him for that sum so expended. Agent Franklin informed the Sheriff that the matter would be taken up with the Special Agent in Charge, and stated he did report the same to Mr. Colvin, but that it was necessary that Mr. Colvin proceed to El Paso before he could give the matter his attention.

Sheriff John Harrison of El Reno was in this office on February 23, 1934 and took this matter up with me, and informed me that he had expended the sum of \$15.00, as described above, and that he felt that the Division should reimburse him therefor. He would not furnish the name of the confidential informant to whom he is alleged to have paid this sum of money in this case. Sheriff Harrison informed me that if it were not for the fact that so many

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economies had been effected in the operation of his office, he would not ask the Division to pay him the sum of \$15.00, but that in view of the fact that he has to operate on a curtailed budget, he feels that we should pay him this sum, as it was actually expended by him. I informed the Sheriff that the matter would be given consideration and that I would subsequently contact him with respect thereto.

In view of the circumstances as stated in this case, I should like to have an expression of opinion from the Division as to whether or not the Sheriff should be paid this sum. Should the Division be of the opinion that it should be expended, advise me whether I should pay him out of my own funds and include the same in my expense account, or whether he should be required to execute a voucher.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

P. O. Box #987,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

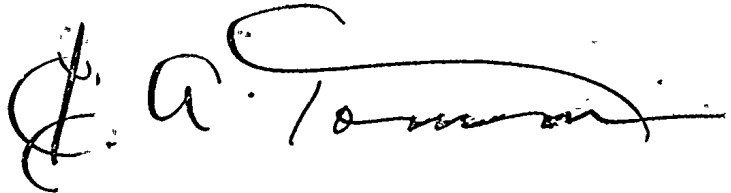
March 28, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

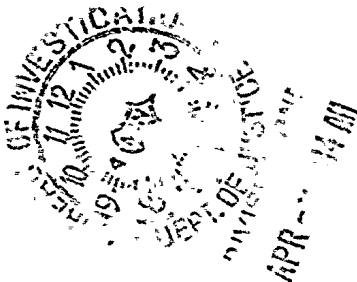
Relative to your communication of March 26, 1934
pertaining to the hiring of confidential informants by this
Office for the period from January 1, 1932 to date, you are
advised that no informants have been hired during this period.

Very truly yours,



E. A. TAMM,
Special Agent in Charge.

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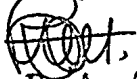
March 29, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 26, 1934,
this is to advise that no confidential informants have
been employed by the Jacksonville office since January 1,
1932.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

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326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
March 29, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to Division letter of March 26, 1934, requesting advice concerning the employment of confidential informants by this office for the period since January 1, 1932.

The Division is advised that no confidential informants have been employed by the New Orleans office during this period.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1806 First Nat'l Bank Bldg.
Charlotte, N. C.

March 29, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 26, 1934, requesting that you be advised concerning the employment of confidential informants of this office for the period since January 1, 1932.

A review of the files in this office reveals that the services of confidential informants during the period in question, were used on only two occasions as follows:

[redacted] Commercial Hotel, Aiken, South Carolina, was personally conveyed from Aiken, South Carolina, to Charlotte, North Carolina, by the writer in connection with the investigation concerning the case entitled GASTON B. MEANS, et al, EMBEZZLEMENT. [redacted] was conveyed from Charlotte, to Concord, North Carolina, by Special Agent H. E. Andersen, where [redacted] services were used confidentially in identifying members of the Means family, as well as persons under suspicion at that time. A charge of \$14.95 was made by Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy by a blue slip under date of May 20, 1932, in his expense voucher for that period, which amount was paid to [redacted] to compensate him for loss of time, meals, and other necessary items. [redacted] is a single man, approximately forty years of age, and of good character and reputation. He was formerly

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bookkeeper for cotton warehouses in Augusta, Georgia.

On December 2, 1933, Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley made a charge of \$3.65 covered by a blue slip for confidential information and services rendered by [redacted] Charlotte, North Carolina, at Knoxville, Tennessee. This was in connection with the investigation of the case entitled, BASIL HUGH BANCHART, with aliases, et al; MAIL ROBBERY, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. [redacted] services were used in approaching certain informants in Knoxville whose connections and background he was familiar with at that time.

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Very truly yours,



L. B. Reed, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 28, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to Director's letter of March 26, 1934, requesting advice concerning employment of confidential informants by the St. Paul office since January 31, 1932.

Please be advised that no confidential informants have been employed by the St. Paul office during that period. I understand there is a confidential informant employed at the present time under Mr. Rorer in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

In the Reo Verne Sankey, with aliases (deceased) et al; Charles Boettcher II, Victim, Kidnaping Case one [] was employed, however, this employment was effected not through the St. Paul office but originally through the Division and the Portland, Oregon office. It is my understanding that this informant was not given any specific or stated compensation other than transportation and some subsistence.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Purvis telephoned last night. Special Agent J. J. Keating was in his office at the time. Keating has interviewed Prisoner Clark with Sergeant Lowe of the Denver Police Department. Clark, it appears, gave no information.

Fred Judge had appeared in the picture during the afternoon Mr. Purvis stated and I inquired as to how he got into the transaction and was informed that Chief of Police Clark in Denver had wired Judge to confer with Lowe in Chicago.

The question was asked as to whether the Division would desire Special Agent Anderson to join Sergeant Lowe in going to Leavenworth Penitentiary to interview [redacted], alias [redacted] who, it would appear from information obtained, had been interviewed about the Denver case. I told Mr. Purvis that Mr. Anderson was engaged on an important investigation at Kansas City; that he had developed [redacted] as a prospective confidential informant and I felt that Anderson should reserve [redacted] as a source of information in matters in which we were interested and did not consider it advisable for Anderson to join the party as they interviewed [redacted] at Leavenworth; further, that Chief Clark had requested the services of the Division only in interviewing Clark and that had been done. The Division had no other requests made on it from an authoritative source.

Mr. Purvis inquired about the status of Keating and I instructed that Keating return to his headquarters at New York.

Respectfully,

E. H. Clegg.

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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March 30, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated March 26, 1934, you will find attached a memorandum submitted by Special Agent J. F. McDevitt, of this office, which lists the names and addresses of the confidential informants paid by McDevitt as recorded in his various expense vouchers.

The attached list constitutes all confidential informants employed by this office since January 1, 1932.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey
R. G. HARVEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Below is a list of confidential informants paid as per various expense vouchers.

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Title of Case	File #	Date of Employment	Am't Paid	Name & Address of Informant.
Khaki Shirts of America	62-978	11-3-33	\$5	[Redacted]
Heinz Spanknoebel	65-7	11-9-33	\$2	As above.
Khaki Shirts of America	62-978	2-14-33	\$1	[Redacted]
Grover Cleveland Bergdoll	25-27	12-31-33	\$3	[Redacted] House of Correction Philadelphia Pa.
Edward G. Bremer	7-45	1-31-34	\$1	[Redacted]

[Redacted] has been a resident of Philadelphia nearly all his life and is a man about 56 years of age, married, and a [Redacted]

[Redacted]
seaman and navigator, and local politician; is married and has one son, and bears a fairly good reputation in Philadelphia; is a man who has travelled all over the world by sea and the type of man who is capable of making excellent contacts and has no police record.

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[redacted] Grover Bergdoll prior to the World War. At one time she bore a good reputation but in the past few years she has become disreputable; is married and has two or three children and due to her habits her husband was forced to leave her and was given custody of the children. She got down so far that she finally wound up in the House of Correction but during the escapades of Bergdoll during and immediately following the World War, she was a valuable informant to this office. She cannot be trusted now.

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[redacted] criminal, age about 65 - 70, became notorious as the [redacted] many years ago; unreliable.

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With reference to the above mentioned [redacted] attention is called to our letters dated 12-18-33 and 3-16-34 in connection with information that he volunteered concerning Fugitive Samuel Insull.

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J. F. McDEVITT,
Special Agent.

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P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio

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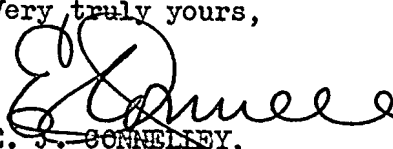
March 30, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Division letter of March 26, 1934 no confidential informants have been employed by me during the time I have been at Cincinnati, nor can I locate any information here in the files, which would indicate that any such confidential informants had been employed by the Cincinnati office during the period from January 1, 1932 to date.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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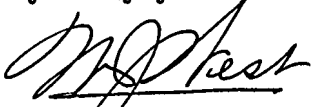
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in its letter of the 26th instant, the Division is respectfully advised that no confidential informants have been employed by this Office since January 1, 1932.

Very truly yours,


W. J. WEST,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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San Antonio, Texas.

March 29, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 26, 1934,
there have been no Confidential Informants employed by
this office since January 1, 1932.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas,
March 30, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS.

Replying to your form letter dated March 26, 1934, I have to advise that no confidential informants have been employed by the El Paso Division office since it was opened on January 25, 1934.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, March 30, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of, and replying to,
Division letter, dated March 26, 1934, in regard to the
employment of confidential informants by the Butte Office
for the period since January 1, 1932, I would respectfully
state that no confidential informants have been in the
employ of the Butte Office since that date; therefore,
the second paragraph of reference letter requires no
reply.

Very truly yours,

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D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Drawer 1457
Saint Louis, Missouri
March 31, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 26, 1934, relative to the employment of confidential informants by this office for the period subsequent to January 1, 1932.

I desire to advise that This office has not hired any informants during the above period. For your information, however, I desire to advise that this office did use the services of one [redacted] alias [redacted] of [redacted] [redacted], in connection with the case entitled THOMAS (TOM) CARTER, et al, Theft from Interstate Shipment. [redacted] was an informant of former Lieutenant Thomas Wren of the St. Louis Police Department, and his services were secured by Mr. Wren, and he was used on April 27 and 28, 1933, to contact hi-jackers for the purpose of buying stolen merchandise, and thus obtaining the location of same. As a result of the work done by [redacted] several thousand dollars worth of merchandise was recovered, and a number of Subjects located and apprehended.

[redacted] was not hired in any sense of the word as an informant by this office; however, over a period of weeks the writer personally gave [redacted] a total of \$105.00, which sum was not blue-slipped and was not paid by this Division, but constituted merely advances given by the writer to [redacted]

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I telephoned Mr. Nathan about the publicity in the Barker-Karpis-Bremer case and advised him that in addition to the original plans which he had of making an investigation at Oklahoma City, he should determine how Bracewell in Saint Paul knew that the "heat was on Hollis" in Oklahoma City; who Hanson talked to; and to whom he gave the information about the identifications; why he gave information to Bracewell; and full details of the occasion which prompted numerous peace officers, newspaper men and a newspaper woman to accompany the Special Agent conducting the raid in Oklahoma, as was indicated by Bracewell and also that he should go by way of Topeka to interview WentzSmith of the Kansas State Police as he appeared to have known about the identifications and from him information should be obtained as to the source of his information, as well as that known to George Stewart, a peace officer in Oklahoma.

I likewise told Mr. Nathan that an air mail letter would be forwarded to him at Oklahoma City today relative to an interview which he was conducting with Francis Kramer at New York based upon information furnished by Informant [redacted] alias [redacted] alias [redacted]

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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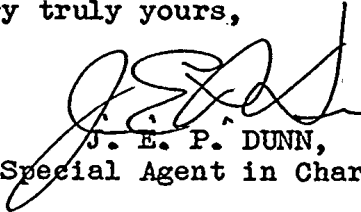
Director
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to Division communication of date March 26, 1934, requesting detailed information concerning the employment of confidential informants by this office for the period since January 1, 1932.

The Division is advised that in no instance has a confidential informant been employed by this office in any connection.

Very truly yours,


J. E. P. DUNN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. HOOVER AND MR. PURVIS

Mr. Hoover asked Mr. Purvis if he knew of the information that Newman had developed at Chicago on the Dillinger women and had telephoned in to St. Paul, and why it had not been wired in here. Newman had talked to Rorer and told him who these women were and was sending photographs up to St. Paul for identification. He had found a red headed woman who at one time had been a nurse and that some nurses' uniforms were found in the apartment and that her description fits the description of the red headed woman in the apartment raided by the agents in St. Paul yesterday. Mr. Purvis stated that he knew yesterday that it might be possible that the woman in the St. Paul raid might have been the same woman or Opal Long but he did not think it necessary to wire such to the Division, it being so problematical. Mr. Hoover said that he wanted to be informed of all developments even though problematical and that what he wanted to do now that we were so hot on the trail of Dillinger, and that it was possible that the description of Opal Long fits that of the woman with him, was to wire such descriptions to all the Field Offices in that section of the country, and to do so it was necessary that the Division be kept informed. Mr. Hoover most emphatically reiterated the necessity of all information and developments being wired into to the Division, and said that from now on he wanted everything that was sent to St. Paul, to be also sent to the Division so that the Supervisors could aid in the directions, in view of the apparent incapability of the St. Paul men as reflected by their atrocious bungling of the raid yesterday. Mr. Purvis replied that he would do such.

Mr. Purvis stated that the place where Opal Long stayed in Chicago was being covered although she left the day she arrived from Detroit. She apparently knew that she was being covered and had her taxi driver drive around, giving him no address until she was sure that she had eluded possible pursuers. The taxi driver had been checked. After she got to the hotel she left with a man and went to Clark and Belmont Streets and got out of the car there. She dodged around and the agents lost her there. The agents were able to follow her from the train to the hotel (Commonwealth) notwithstanding that the taxi driver did a lot of dodging back and forth. Her bags are at the hotel yet and she hasn't checked out. The bags have been searched and nothing much was found. A roll of films was found but upon development, they revealed nothing. When she came out of the hotel she left with an Italian, unknown, but whom she had called at the saloon of Peter Rosser, 639 N. State Street, at least she called the number of Peter Rosser's saloon. Newman and one other man were covering her when she eluded them.

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Mr. [redacted] informed Mr. Purvis that [redacted] theory that the Dillinger gang was using the commercial air lines to travel between cities and buying their cars in the city after they arrived. Mr. Hoover suggested that it would be a good idea to cover all of the airports. Mr. Purvis stated that his men were covering every possible hotel, speakeasy, and etc. where this bunch might stop if they came to Chicago from St. Paul.

Mr. Hoover went over the details wherein the St. Paul office so badly bungled their end of the case, emphasizing the inadvisability of calling in the local police in aiding in taking fingerprints or of calling on them at any time for aid unless the Division was short of equipment, like machine guns or gas guns or anything of that kind, or when they were short of men. Mr. Hoover told Mr. Purvis to keep an eye on the situation for it was his belief that it would pop next in Chicago.

Mr. Purvis stated, regarding the men that Mr. Rorer had sent down to Chicago from St. Paul, that they were sending their memorandum reports on investigative matters through his office but that they were also making daily reports through St. Paul. They were being directed bilaterally, Rorer was calling them and telling them what to do and Mr. Purvis was also directing them. Mr. Hoover said that such a proceeding must be stopped. That he could see that there was one chance in a hundred where the men who had been working on the Bremer case in St. Paul might be better acquainted with the intricate ramifications of the case so as to be able to handle it better than the Chicago men.

Brennan was sent back to St. Paul last night in view of the fact that Rorer stated that he was the only one in the St. Paul office who could take fingerprints. There are six of Rorer's men in the Chicago territory now that Brennan has returned. Mr. Purvis stated that if the men were sent back to St. Paul that he could fill up their assignments with his own men. He also said that he had five of his men assigned permanently to the Dillinger case. Mr. Hoover informed him that for the next he wanted Mr. Purvis to put all attention on Dillinger. He advised Mr. Purvis that all information sent to the St. Paul office should be sent to the Division.

Mr. Purvis stated that the confidential informant that he had employed the other day, [redacted] upon being sent to Waupun, Wisconsin, to interview----in the penitentiary there, wouldn't give his right name, told the warden that he was working for Mr. Purvis. He was arrested by the Chief of Police as he had no credentials. They sent him back to Mr. Purvis who has discontinued his services but is keeping in his good graces so as to have him available in the future, if needed.

RE: GUN

March 29, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On January 8, 1934, an individual giving the name of [redacted] called at the Division and was interviewed by Assistant Director Nathan, as reflected in his memorandum of that date. On that occasion [redacted] wanted to know whether this Division would assist a person who furnished information of value and stated that the person in whom he was interested was a prisoner serving time for the crime of robbery or some similar offense. [redacted] was advised that, based upon the vague information furnished by him, there was very little which could be said in reply; that this Division was, of course, interested in any crime that came within its jurisdiction. [redacted] was advised that this Division would be willing to see anybody and would observe any secrecy along desired lines. He stated that he would see the person on whose behalf he had called at the Division and would return at a later date.

Under date of February 9, 1934 a telegram was received in the Division from Brooklyn, New York, signed [redacted] containing the following words: "MUST SEE YOU PERSONALLY TOMORROW TEN THIRTY A.M. VITALLY IMPORTANT". A telegram was immediately directed to the New York City Office, instructing that an appropriate investigation be made relative to the above quoted telegram, and as a result it was ascertained that the telegram was filed at [redacted] on the afternoon of February 9, 1934, by an individual who stated he did not desire to give his name or address because he was leaving immediately for Washington to see you the following day. This individual was described by the Western Union telegraph clerk as being 21 years of age, 5'5" in height, 140 to 145 pounds in weight, with dark hair, dark eyes, heavy dark eyebrows, and he wore an oxford gray coat and a gray hat with a black band. He was further described as being of a very pleasing personality, and he appeared to be intelligent.

Division letter dated February 12, 1934, dictated by Assistant Director Clegg, addressed to the St. Paul Office, copies of which were furnished the New York and Chicago Offices, is quoted in order to consolidate in one memorandum the information contained in the Division's file with respect to the individual variously using the names of [redacted]

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"An individual using variously the names of [redacted] has called at the Division with information which he feels might be valuable in connection with the investigation of kidnaping cases, particularly the Bremer kidnaping case. He has stated that he has a friend serving forty years in the State Penitentiary and he desires to get the influence of the Division to have this friend released, but he has been promised absolutely no assistance whatever.

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"He stated that there was a restaurant in St. Paul operated by Harry Sawyer, telephone Emerson 2020, which is a hide-out for seven gangsters; that the Mollyhocks Inn, telephone Emerson 2121, St. Paul, is operated by a man by the name of Pfeiffer, who is a finger man and is always out of town whenever anything happens. This inn is located opposite a park which is at the bottom of a hill in St. Paul territory. He is the banker for gangsters and they keep in touch with him.

"He advised that outside the city of Chicago, in the town of Maywood, Illinois, is a place called the O-P Inn, a restaurant of which Doctor Stacy, an Italian, is owner, and is a gangsters' hide-out; the telephone number is Melrose Park 645; that at Crystal Lake, on route 19 out of Chicago, is a place called Louie's Inn; that it, too, is a hide-out, and the telephone number is Carey 65.

"He stated that Harry Schneeweiss, 1343 Greenleaf Avenue, Chicago, telephone Briarcliff 5356, operates a transient stopping place for gangsters en route from New York to St. Paul; that the St. Paul mobsters are a part of the New York gang which operates a coast to coast syndicate. One of the "big shots" of these gangs is Lucky Luciano, in New York; He stated that Louis "Dutch" Goldberg is a member of the mob and he lives at either the St. Paul or Leary Hotel in St. Paul; that one of the headquarters of this syndicate is operated by individuals by the name of Myer and Buck, who have taken over the entire fourth floor of the Claridge Hotel in New York; that another one of the leaders is named Lupki; he has an office in the basement of the clothing store at 38th and Broadway, opposite the Automat; he stated that probably some of the individuals directly connected with the Bremer kidnaping are two brothers by the name of Dick and Freddy, who have an ugly old woman with them who poses as their mother, and who wears glasses.

They drive a Hudson coach and likewise are frequently associated with two men known as Gus and Ray who have a western drawl.

"The informant states that it would be fatal to let the New York police or the Chief of Police in St. Paul in on this matter and it is his belief that Dutch Schuls, wanted in New York, is employed by this syndicate and that this syndicate had "bumped off" Judge Grater of New York, and that they were also responsible for the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby.

"The informant telegraphed the Division Friday, advising he would call Saturday, and his wire was transmitted from New York. He was advised that hereafter, if he desired to save expense, he could call on the Division's confidential man in New York City, who would handle everything in strictest confidence, which would save the informant travel expense to Washington, and the name and address of Special Agent in Charge Fay at the Division's New York office were furnished him. He will call there hereafter, he states, using the name of Kora.

"Of course, it is impossible to promise that any action will be taken in connection with any one serving a sentence in a state penitentiary, and this is the objective which the informant states he is seeking. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chicago and New York offices for their information.

"The informant advised, upon his departure, that the gang uses Reno as a vacation point when they are hiding. He requests that the wires not be used between here and St. Paul, Minnesota, and indicated that at St. Paul everything is under the control of the syndicate and that it would probably be very unwise to use either the telephone or telegraph between Washington and St. Paul. He claims he has no proof of anything and merely furnished this information for what it is worth."

Upon receipt of the above quoted letter, the St. Paul Office addressed a letter to the Division, dated February 20, 1934, pointing out that the information furnished by the informant disclosed an exact knowledge of the underworld in St. Paul and indicated that possibly the individual in whom [] was interested was one Dave Berman, who is presently serving a sentence in the Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York. A copy of the letter from the St. Paul Office, dated February 20, 1934, is attached hereto.

On March 17, 1934, the individual known to the Division as [] called at the New York office and was interviewed by Mr. Fay, who learned that the prisoner in whom [] is interested is Leon Kramer who, as Leon Miller, was convicted in June, 1926, on a charge of first degree robbery and sentenced to serve forty years in the penitentiary. According to the records of the Identification Unit, Leon Miller, #73765, was received at the Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, June 18, 1926, and from the information furnished by [] it appears that Miller escaped from this prison last year and was apprehended in September and returned to solitary confinement in the Dannemora, New York prison, where he is now confined.

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The criminal record of this individual is also attached hereto. It appears from the criminal record of Kramer, alias Miller, that although arrested in Berlin, Germany, Brussels, Belgium and London, England, he has no criminal record reflecting arrests in St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota, and it is possible that during the time he served in Sing Sing Prison he became acquainted with Dave Berman, referred to in the letter from the St. Paul office, dated February 20, 1934.

There are attached hereto a copy of a letter addressed to the Division by the New York office, dated March 17, 1934, and a copy of a letter addressed to the Division by the New York office, dated March 26, 1934, wherein it is noted that [] has advised that the information desired of Kramer would not be furnished to anyone but Assistant Director Harold Nathan; that no amount of persuasion on the part of Special Agent in Charge Fay could change his decision regarding this matter.

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It is possible that through an interview with Kramer valuable information can be obtained relative to the underworld connections

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between the St. Paul, Minneapolis, Chicago and New York gangs. It is also possible that Kramer may be in a position to furnish information concerning the whereabouts of Bernard Phillips, subject of Identification Order #1196.

The list of visitors to Dave Berman, at Sing Sing Prison, which list is in the possession of the New York office, reflects the names of a number of prominent members of the St. Paul underworld and also the names of a number of persons concerning whom the Division has no information at the present time. Kramer may possibly assist in the identification of these unknown individuals for whatever assistance it may be to the Division during the investigation of the above named gangs.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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DIVISION
U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

March 30, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In conformity with instructions contained in Division letter of 3/26/34, I am submitting the names of the confidential informants employed by the Dallas Office since 1/1/32.

[redacted] was employed from 11/21/32 to 11/30/32 inclusive and from 1/1/32 to 12/11/32 inclusive, in the case of Sidney B. Norwood - Fugitive, I.O. #152, Cleburne Natl. Bank of Cleburne, Texas, National Bank Act; and was paid on 11/21/32 - \$51.37; on 11/26/32 - \$40.00; on 12/3/32 - \$51.37; and on 1/20/33 - \$31.75. Total \$174.49.

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[redacted] at the time of his employment was a resident of Albuquerque, N.M. and represented that he could secure information concerning [redacted] at that time represented that he was in the insurance business. His services were utterly unsatisfactory and I would never employ him for any purpose.

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On 8/25/33 I paid to [redacted] of Fort Worth, Texas, \$250.00 for information furnished concerning George Kelly Barnes, et al, in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel.

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On 10/13/33 I paid to [redacted] for subsistence from 9/26/33 to 10/13/33 the sum of \$52.65. This informant was a go-between for George Kelly Barnes and his present address is unknown. I have little confidence in his ability or integrity.

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H. C. [signature]

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Director

On 3/3/34 I paid to [] the sum of \$15.00 for travel and subsistence expenses from Fort Worth, Texas to Oklahoma City, Okla. in the case of Unknown Subjects; Edward G. Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

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This informant was represented as knowing of a bandit rendezvous near Madill, Okla., to which he could gain ingress; and was sent to Oklahoma City for the purpose of accompanying agents to the hideout. He turned out to be a narcotic addict and his services were terminated.

This completes the list of paid confidential informants for the period listed.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake
F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:LMT

1900 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois
April 2, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the matter of the employment of [redacted] a confidential informant, by this office, in connection with the JOE DILLINGER case. For your information, this informant stated to me recently that he thought he could get some information from one Leslie Homer, who is now incarcerated in the Wisconsin State Prison, at Waupun, Wisconsin, Leslie Homer having been a contact and associate of Dillinger's gang previously. This informant, therefore, went to Waupun, Wisconsin, and upon arriving there used the name of Paul Novak, and requested that he be allowed to see Homer. He was called in by Warden Oscar Lee, and questioned, and he used the pretext of being a representative of the Aame Insurance Company. Upon further questioning by Warden Lee, told him that he was working for me, and that I had sent him there for the purpose of securing information from Homer. He was then asked to show his credentials, and when he was unable to do so, the Warden had him arrested by the Chief of Police at Waupun.

I received a call from the Chief of Police, at which time I requested that the man be released, and instructed to see me at my office immediately. It was necessary, in view of the developments, to inform the Chief that this man had indicated that he could secure some information for me, and that this was the reason he was there. It later developed that the County Attorney, one Herbert Gergen felt that he would desire to prosecute [redacted] for impersonation, and the Chief then called me again, requesting that I address a telegram to the County Attorney, requesting that [redacted] be released, and told to come to my office. I could see no particular reason for this, but I desired particularly to get [redacted] out of Waupun as soon as possible, so I addressed a telegram to the County Attorney Gergen, worded as follows: "PLEASE RELEASE [redacted] AND TELL HIM TO COME TO MY OFFICE IN CHICAGO".

[redacted] value at Waupun, of course, was lost by reason of his disclosures, and there was not need to allow him to endeavor to secure any information there.

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

April 3 1934.

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER
with aliases, I. O. 1217 et al.
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Dear Sir:

The name of the confidential in-
formant mentioned in the report of Special
Agent J. J. Waters, Chicago, April 2, 1934,
in the above entitled case, is

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Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
April 3, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated March 26, 1934, concerning employment of confidential informants by this office for period since January 1, 1932.

The only instances in which confidential informants have been employed by the Birmingham Office are as follows:

1. In connection with the case of William Sharkey, with aliases, deceased, et al, John Factor, victim, kidnapping, when during the course of investigation at Knoxville, Tennessee, looking towards the apprehension of subjects Banghart, Conner, Ludwig Schmidt and Isaac Costner, confidential information was being secured from [redacted] Knoxville, Tennessee, [redacted] which information it was expected would assist in locating these parties. There were no definite dates of employment of [redacted] but he was contacted frequently during the period of November 30th up until the apprehension of Banghart and Costner at Baltimore. For this service on December 5, 1933 and on December 22nd was paid \$5.00 on each occasion by Special Agent Pickard.

2. In the case of Thomas Woody Howard with aliases. [redacted] colored, Memphis, Tennessee, was used as an informer, looking towards the apprehension of subject Thomas Woody Howard, [redacted] worked on no definite dates but over a period from September 25, 1933 until the apprehension of Howard on December 29, 1933. For these services, [redacted] was paid \$5.00 on January 4, 1934.

Very truly yours, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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J. H. HANBON, ACTING,
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 3, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of March 26, 1934 in which it is requested that the Division be advised immediately concerning the employment of confidential informants by this office for the period since January 1, 1932.

I beg to inform you that Mr. R. H. Colvin of the El Paso Division Office, formerly Special Agent in Charge here, was in the office today, and I discussed this matter with him at some length. I also have discussed it with the members of the personnel of this office who have been assigned here since January 1, 1932, none of whom are able to furnish any information in addition to that supplied by Mr. Colvin. Mr. Colvin stated and the records of the office show the following:

On May 24, 1933, one [] of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma was paid \$5.00 for services he rendered for one day, and confidential information that he supplied in the case of Elma Mikel, et al.; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

On June 16, 1933, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, Frank Nash was apprehended upon the confidential information furnished by [] Hot Springs Police Department. For this service, he was paid \$500.00.

[] alias [] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was used from June 29 to July 25, 1933 on the Kansas City Massacre case, and was paid \$6.00 per day, plus his traveling expenses, and was paid a total amount of \$220.65. [] is an ex-convict and has been up about five times. He is now employed regularly at the Armour Packing House in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He has been in no trouble since his last conviction for theft from interstate shipment, investigation in which case was conducted by the Oklahoma City Office.

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[redacted] of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, an Indian and ex-convict, [redacted] Bob Brady (deceased) was used on the Kansas City Massacre case for a period during the summer of 1933 of about thirty days in an effort to locate Bob Brady. He was paid approximately \$75.00.

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[redacted] alias [redacted] alias [redacted] an ex-convict, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was used during the course of the investigation to locate Wilbur Underhill (deceased). His services were utilized for several weeks, and he was paid the sum of \$500.00. Messrs. Colvin and F. S. Smith informed me that they made some advances to this man during the time his services were used, but that when he received his money, he reimbursed them. This man is supposed to have a wide acquaintance with the criminals of this part of the country and is a drug addict.

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Mr. Colvin informed me that during the investigation of the Urschel case, the services of several girls were utilized in certain telephone taps, namely from July 24th to August 1, 1933, for which they were paid \$110.22, and from September 21st to September 26, 1933, and were paid the sum of \$283.87.

From February 9, 1934 to February 11, 1934, I used the services of [redacted] in the case of Alvin Karpis, et al., Kidnaping, and the Kansas City Massacre case at Seminole, Oklahoma, for which I paid him the sum of \$10.00 which took care of his traveling expenses and his board and room.

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From February 19, 1934 to March 2, 1934, I used the services of [redacted] alias [redacted] of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in an effort to locate the Barker-Karpis mob in the Massacre case and the Bremer Kidnap case. He traveled from Oklahoma City to Tulsa, Vinita, Commerce, South Coffeyville and Miami, Oklahoma. I paid him the sum of \$81.07, which included his expenses and the amount of \$18.00 per week he was receiving as salary at the Armour Packing Company. He left his employment at the aforesaid firm to render the Division this service.

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I recently paid to Sheriff John Harrison, El Reno, Oklahoma, the sum of \$15.00 for services of an unnamed confidential informant of his in locating Fred Ruyle, Fugitive, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Division authority was obtained for this payment.

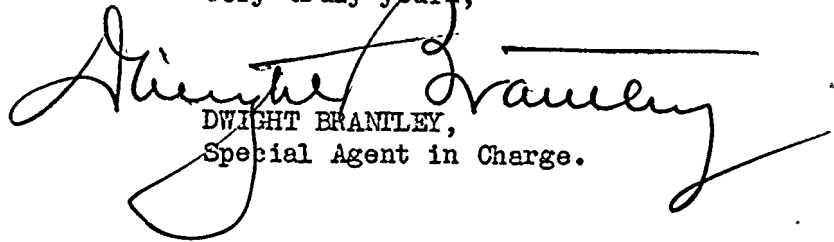
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On March 4, 1934, I paid to [redacted] the sum of \$10.00 for his expenses from Chickasha, Oklahoma, his home, to Seminole County and return to his home, in an effort to locate one Charles Aldridge, now confined in the Southwestern Reformatory at El Reno, Oklahoma, a prospective informant, in an effort to locate Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

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On March 4, 1934, I paid to [redacted] Fort Worth, Texas, the sum of \$15.00 for his expenses from Ft. Worth to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was suggested as a confidential informant by the Dallas Office in connection with efforts in Oklahoma to locate members of the Barker-Karpis mob. I know very little about this man and his background. He is, however, a confirmed drug addict.

Very truly yours,


DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Mr. Clegg and Mr. Connelley last night and advised them of the importance of contacting confidential informants for information concerning the whereabouts of Dillinger, with the suggestion that the Division would be willing to pay as much as \$5000, if necessary, to an informant who could advise the Division the whereabouts of Dillinger, providing, of course, that the apprehension of Dillinger resulted from the information submitted by the informant. Mr. Connelley stated that he was at that time endeavoring to contact an informant who, he believed, could put Dillinger on the "spot" and that his name is [redacted] that it was [redacted] who had put Dillinger on the spot for the Chicago Police Department in a doctor's office some time ago when he effected his escape. He stated that [redacted] was not on good terms with either the Indiana State Police or the Chicago Police and that he believed with a financial inducement by the Division [redacted] would be able to produce.

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Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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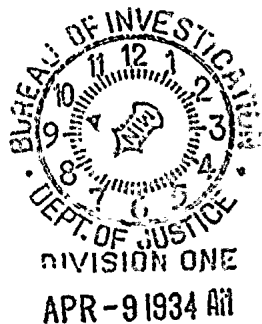
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U. S. Department of Justice
318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

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April 2, 1934.



Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The San Francisco office has
employed no confidential informants for the
period since January 1, 1932.

Very truly yours,

E. B. Montgomery
E. B. MONTGOMERY
Acting Special Agent
in Charge.



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April 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

[redacted] informant in the O'Connell kidnaping case, called at this office this morning and stated that he was in a dangerous position in that he had worked for some time on the O'Connell case and had also testified. He stated that he would like to have a thousand or fifteen hundred dollars for the purpose of leaving this country for a year or so to avoid injury to himself or family, which he expects as a result of his activities in the above case. I explained to [redacted] that the Division had no appropriation for such an expenditure and also asked him if it was his understanding in the beginning that any such amount would be paid by the Division, to which he replied "No", that the Division had made no promises but that his activities in the case had been because of his respect for the Division and not because of the Albany or New York City Police Departments. He seemed to appreciate that the Division was not in a position to advance him any such fee. He stated that he felt somebody should pay him; that he had tried to see Dan O'Connell at Albany but O'Connell had refused to see him.

Respectfully,

S. M. Cowley.

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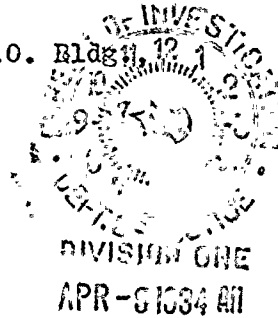
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503-A U. S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah,
April 2, 1934



AIR MAIL

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Answering your communication of March 26, 1934, concerning the employment of confidential informants for the period since January 1, 1932, permit me to advise that the only confidential informant employed by this office since that period, to my knowledge, was the employment of [redacted] Denver, Colo., as an informant in the Reo Verne Sankey, et al, case,

[redacted] was employed, one might say, from January 23, 1934 to January 27, 1934. On January 23, he was furnished with transportation and a lower berth from Denver, Colo., to St. Paul, Minn., and was given \$10.00 in addition to the transportation, the \$10.00 to serve as expense money enroute. He was paid \$50.00 by me upon Division instructions on February 27, 1934, and this is the extent of money expended by this office.

[redacted] was detailed to St. Paul, Minn., for the purpose of contacting [redacted] who is also the [redacted] Reo Verne Sankey, deceased, for the purpose of learning from her the whereabouts of Reo Verne Sankey.

Very truly yours,

John A. Dowd
JOHN A. DOWD
Special Agent in Charge

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